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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 12, 2007. Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Invention I and corresponding claims 1-6, and further elect Species a, without traverse. In addition, Applicants further add new claim 11. Acknowledgement of the election of claim 11 in connection with the above-noted election is respectfully requested.



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**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[ x ] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS ALREADY PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	11	10	(Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	2	2	(Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				x ½	
TOTAL					0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

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| [ x ] Response to Office Action<br>(with Claim Election) | [ ] Petition for Extension of Time ( month) |
| [ ] Substitute Specification                             | [ ] Terminal Disclaimer                     |
| [ ] Preliminary Amendment                                | [ ] Letter to Draftsperson                  |
| [ ] Information Disclosure Statement                     | [ ] Assignment                              |
|  | [ ] Other _____                             |

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- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**.

Respectfully submitted,

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